



Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Attorney Docket No. 24734

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

CHERUKURI et al.

Serial No.: 10/024,583

Group Art Unit: 1654

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Examiner: S. Coe

For:

**SUGAR-FEE CHEWY PRODUCTS AND PROTEIN-BASED CHEWY
PRODUCTS AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 31, 2004; therefore, a petition for a three-month extension of time and check therefor are being submitted herewith, extending the deadline to April 30, 2004. Thus, this response and amendment should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.